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SUBJECT: UWI STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE AT TRINIDAD CAMPUS

- 1. A STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AND BOYCOTT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES IN ST. AUGUSTINE DURING LAST TWO DAYS HAS THREATENED TO CLOSE DOWN THE CAMPUS. THE STUDENTS GUILD LED BY PRESIDENT RONALD HINDS AND TREASURER DAVID ABDULAH HAS PRESENTED A LIST OF EIGHT DEMANDS TO PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR LLOYD BRAITHWAITE, INCLUDING A CALL FOR FULL CONTROL OF STUDENT FUNDS, BETTER AND CHEAPER CAFETERIA SERVICE AND BETTER ON-CAMPUS SECURITY BY UNIVERSITY POLICE. HINDS REPORTEDLY HAS SAID THAT BRAITHWAITE WAS SYMPATHETIC AND WAS LOOKING INTO THE COMPLAINTS.
- 2. GROUP OF 30-40 UNRULY STUDENTS INVADED UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM AND CLOSED DOWN SCIENCE FAIR NOVEMBER 1.
- 3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT STUDENTS ARE CONCERNED WITH LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES. RESPONSIVE ATTITUDE OF THE ADMINISTRATION MAY DEFUSE A POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME DEMONSTRATION IN HERETOFORE RELATIVELY APATHETIC STUDENT BODY. SOME OF THE DEMANDS ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF PROFESSOR UNCLASSIFIED

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BRAITHWAITE; FOR EXAMPLE, THE CONTROL OF STUDENT FUNDS,

WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION NOT THE STUDENTS. THE DEMONSTRATIONS MAY CONTINUE WHEN THE STUDENTS REALIZE THAT ALL THEIR DEMANDS CANNOT BE GRANTED. MARSHALL

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